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H. R. 3583

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish an independent panel to assess the homeland security needs of the National Capital Region.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland (for himself, Mr. WYNN, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HOYER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GOODE, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. CUMMINGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Select Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. HOMELAND SECURITY NEEDS OF NATIONAL**
4 **CAPITAL REGION.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT PANEL.—

6 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish an
7 independent panel to assess the homeland security needs
8 of the National Capital Region.

1 (b) DUTIES OF PANEL.—The panel shall—

2 (1) evaluate the definition of National Capital
3 Region used by the Department of Homeland Secu-
4 rity to determine whether the definition should be
5 modified to include additional areas, including juris-
6 dictions in the States of Maryland and Virginia
7 along Interstate Routes 270, 95, and 66;

8 (2) determine whether jurisdictions in the
9 States of Maryland and Virginia along Interstate
10 Routes 270, 95, and 66 should be taking actions to
11 prepare for the possibility of a terrorist attack in the
12 National Capital Region, including the construction
13 of facilities to accommodate the needs of the Na-
14 tional Capital Region in the event of a terrorist at-
15 tack; and

16 (3) if the panel determines under paragraph (2)
17 that actions should be taken by jurisdictions along
18 Interstate Routes 270, 95, and 66, make rec-
19 ommendations for appropriate funding to permit the
20 actions to be taken as expeditiously as possible.

21 (c) COMPOSITION OF PANEL.—The panel shall in-
22 clude representatives of the jurisdictions that comprise the
23 National Capital Region and the jurisdictions to be consid-
24 ered for inclusion in the National Capital Region under
25 subsection (b)(1).

1 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18
2 months after the date of the first meeting of the panel,
3 the panel shall transmit to the Secretary and Congress
4 a report containing the recommendations of the panel.

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